

REMARKS

This application has been amended in a manner that is believed to place it in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action.

In the outstanding Official Action, claims 18-20, 23 and 26-37 were rejected. Claims 21, 22, 24 and 25 were indicated as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowed if rewritten in independent form including all of the recitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, applicants amend claim 18 to incorporate the recitations of claim 21. Claim 22 has been amended so it is now dependent upon claim 18.

Claim 23 has been rewritten as an independent claim and includes the recitations of claims 18 and 24. Claim 25 is amended so that it is now dependent on claim 23. Claims 26-28 remain dependent on claim 18 but have been amended to recite the article "The" to properly indicate that they are dependent claims. Claims 29-37 have been cancelled.

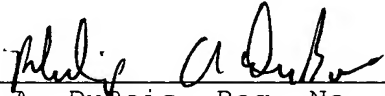
Thus, each of the remaining independent claims have been amended to incorporate allowable subject matter.

In view of the present amendment and the foregoing remarks, therefore, applicants believe the present application is in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action. Allowance and passage to issue on that basis respectfully is requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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